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Plan to Kidnap Ambassador Hill

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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Dept Pass to Assistant Secretary Rogers

1. Foreign Minister Vignes called Ambassador Hill Sunday afternoon and requested that the Ambassador come to his home at 4 p.m.
2. When Ambassador Hill arrived a sober faced Vignes said that the GOA had reliable intelligence information from S.I.D.E. that a terrorist group was planning to kidnap the Ambassador between March 10 and March 14. Vignes stressed fact that terrorists planned to kidnap the Ambassador and not assassinate him.
3. Because of the seriousness the GOA attached to the report, Vignes asked Chief of Police Margaride and a high official of the Argentine Secret Service to join the conversation along with Embassy Security Officer Boyle.

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Both Argentine security officials were aware of the report and told Vignes the security for both Ambassador Hill and Assistant Secretary Rogers had been beefed up. Despite these assurances Vignes told Margaride that he should err on the side of overreaction rather than underreaction. Thus, GOA will reinforce plans for protection of both Ambassador Hill and Secretary Rogers.

3. Vignes asked Ambassador Hill to augment Embassy security during period of threat, 10th to 14th. In addition, Ambassador Hill agreed with Foreign Minister's suggestion that the Ambassador should lower his profile for the time being.

5. Both Ambassador Hill and Vignes agreed that Assistant Secretary Rogers visit should go forward. Vignes repeated that GOA would in light of situation created by report, redouble security for the Roger's visit.

6. Ambassador Hill now meeting with senior staff to review security for Ambassador and Assistant Secretary Rogers. Will report any new developments asap.

HILL *[Signature]*

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